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to cover the costs of fulfilling the request. Requests may be submitted in person or by mail.

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§ 1700.33 Appeals.

Any person whose request under § 1700.32 is denied shall have the right to appeal such denial. This appeal shall be submitted in accordance with 7 CFR 1.3(e) and addressed to the Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Room 4051, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC 20250-1500.

Subpart D—Delegations of Authority; General

SOURCE: 59 FR 21624, Apr. 26, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1700.40 Exercise of delegated authority.

(a) Unless specifically reserved, or otherwise delegated, the delegations of authority contained in subparts D through L of this part include the authority to take any action or execute any document deemed necessary and proper to the discharge of such responsibilities. In the exercise of authority delegated in subparts D through L of this part, all applicable RUS policies, regulations, and procedures should be followed. All delegations previously made are superseded.

(b) No delegation of authority by the Administrator or other person shall preclude the Administrator or other person from exercising any of the authority so delegated.

§ 1700.41 Persons serving in acting capacities.

Incumbents delegated authority in subparts D through L of this part are authorized to designate a person to act for them as necessary, except that a Regional Director or the Director, Power Supply Division may not redelegate authority to approve loans, loan guarantees or lien accommodations, and related actions as set forth in §§ 1700.124(a), 1700.127(a) and 1700.145(a). If an incumbent of a position to whom delegations are made in subparts D through L of this part is absent or is

unable to carry out such delegations, the person designated authority to act for the incumbent shall exercise the authority conferred by such delegations. Such designations shall be in accordance with any instruction issued by the incumbent's supervisor.

[59 FR 21624, Apr. 26, 1994, as amended at 59 FR 46723, Sept. 12, 1994]

§ 1700.42 Persons serving as acting Administrator.

The following persons are authorized, in descending order, to act for the Administrator only in his or her absence, sickness, resignation, or death: Deputy Administrator, Assistant Administrator—Electric, Assistant Administrator—Telephone, Assistant Administrator—Economic Development and Technical Services. That is, if the first person on the list is also absent, sick, has resigned, or is dead, the second person on the list is authorized to act for the Administrator and so on down the list. Persons on this list may not redelegate the authority to act for the Administrator. The Administrator may in his/her discretion in writing, on a case-by-case basis, delegate authority to act as Administrator in his/her absence outside of this specified order.

§ 1700.43 Persons serving as acting Assistant Administrator.

(a) *Electric and telephone programs.* The Deputy Assistant Administrator in each program is authorized to act for the respective Assistant Administrator in the absence, sickness, resignation or death of that Assistant Administrator. The Deputy Assistant Administrators may not redelegate this authority.

(b) *Assistant Administrator—Economic Development and Technical Services.* (1) The Directors of the Rural Development Assistance Staff, Borrower Accounting Division and the Program Support Staff are authorized to act for the Assistant Administrator—Economic Development and Technical Services in his or her absence according to the following schedule:

Director of	Months
Rural Development Assistance Staff.	January, April, July, October.
Borrowers Accounting Division.	February, May, August, November.

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Director of	Months
Program Support Staff	March, June, September, December.

(2) If a particular Director is absent, sick, has resigned or is dead during a scheduled month, the delegation will revolve back to the preceding month. These Directors may not redelegate this authority.

§ 1700.44 Contracts approved on behalf of the Administrator.

(a) *Nonstandard contracts.* Prior to the approval or the execution of the following documents, the Office of the General Counsel (OGC) shall comment as to any legal matters concerning such nonstandard contracts:

(1) Contracts for engineering services, architectural services, construction, and power supply that include a substantive deviation from the standard form contract approved by OGC; and

(2) Other documents involving legal matters of concern to the approving official.

(b) *Signature.* All contract approvals shall be signed:

(Name and Title)
For the Administrator

§§ 1700.45—1700.59 [Reserved]

Subpart E—Delegations of Authority; Agency Issuances and Certain Correspondence

SOURCE: 59 FR 21625, Apr. 26, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1700.60 Agency issuances.

Except as may be specifically delegated from time to time to the Deputy Administrator, or others, all authority is reserved by the Administrator to approve and issue regulations and other information published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, bulletins, informational publications, staff instructions concerning Agency administrative matters and those affecting more than one program, and unnumbered memoranda (mailings to borrowers in more than one program and all RUS staff). Signature authority is also reserved by the Administrator for written responses to

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Members of Congress, Governors, State Legislators, Federal Agency heads or Cabinet officials, as well as other controlled correspondence for Agency response. Additionally, signature authority is reserved by the Administrator for Agency mass mailings which include but are not limited to mailings to accountants, engineers, and consultants.

§ 1700.61 Agency publications control officer.

The Deputy Administrator is designated the Agency Publications Control Officer.

§§ 1700.62—1700.69 [Reserved]

Subpart F—Delegations; Authorities Reserved by the Administrator

SOURCE: 59 FR 21624, Apr. 26, 1994, unless otherwise noted.

§ 1700.70 General.

Authority for all matters not specifically delegated in subparts D through L of this part, or by other written delegation, is reserved to the Administrator, including, without limitation, the following authorities reserved in this subpart.

§ 1700.71 Rural economic development loan and grant and distance learning and medical link grant programs.

Approval of the following:

(a) Applications for loans or grants when all conditions for such approval have been met.

(b) All zero-interest loans and grants.

(c) Any modifications in the method of carrying out loan purposes, or in the amount of applications selected and loans or grants approved.

(d) Extension of principal and interest repayments for rural development purposes.

§ 1700.72 Electric program.

(a) Approval of the following loans, loan guarantees, lien accommodations or subordinations:

(1) All discretionary hardship loans.